

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2011 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Stenzel.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Ralph Stenzel
Mayor Pro-tem Joe Carothers
Councilmember Jeff Tambrella
Councilmember Pat McCrary
City Manager Joe Dickson
City Secretary Janet L. Davis
Absent: Councilmember Bubba Jannett, excused
Councilmember Jim Abney, excused
City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, excused

The invocation was given by and the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by City Manager Joe Dickson.

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by changing the zoning classification from Highway Commercial (HC) to Single Family Residential (R-1) for 0.688 acres out of 1.976 acres located at 3938 N FM 646, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas

City Manager Joe Dickson said this request is to divide a portion of this one commercial lot at FM 646N and 6th Street into four lots for four new residences. He said the reason for the zone change request is that lots in the R1 district can be divided but lots in the HC district cannot. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by changing the zoning classification from Highway Commercial (HC) to Single Family Residential (R-1) for 0.688 acres out of 1.976 acres located at 3938 N FM 646, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Construction Regulations, Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Section 18, Supplementary Regulations to the Building Codes, by amending windstorm certificate of compliance requirements for accessory buildings; providing for penalties and severability

City Manager Joe Dickson said obtaining a windstorm certificate on portable accessory buildings is near impossible, so city staff has revised the ordinance to exempt these structures from those requirements. Instead, city staff will enforce proper ground anchoring for these structures using guidelines provided by the manufactured housing industry. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Construction Regulations, Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Section 18, Supplementary Regulations to the Building Codes, by amending windstorm certificate of compliance requirements for accessory buildings; providing for penalties and severability. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas by adding Section 24, Payment of Fees and Other Charges, authorizing the payment of fees, fines, court costs, and other charges to the City of Santa Fe by cash, personal check, cashier's check, money order, or credit cards, as appropriate; imposing a 5 percent convenience fee on payment by credit cards; authorizing the collection of service charges; authorizing contracts for collection and seizure of outdated or unauthorized credit cards and the collection of charges for the return of said cards; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance; providing a savings clause; and providing for severability

City Manager Joe Dickson said adding credit cards as a means of payment for municipal court fines will be beneficial and this ordinance will also apply to all city departments when they are ready to expand payment options. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas by adding Section 24, Payment of Fees and Other Charges, authorizing the payment of fees, fines, court costs, and other charges to the City of Santa Fe by cash, personal check, cashier's check, money order, or credit cards, as appropriate; imposing a 5 percent convenience fee on payment by credit cards; authorizing the collection of service charges; authorizing contracts for collection and seizure of outdated or unauthorized credit cards and the collection of charges for the return of said cards; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance; providing a savings clause; and providing for severability. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Presentation and acceptance of Annual Racial Profiling Report

Police Chief Kenneth Campbell presented the 62 page racial profiling report for the 2010 calendar year. He reviewed the highlights beginning with the requirement to compile these statistics and data and reminded Council that this was the first year the report was required to be submitted to TCLEOSE. He reviewed the actual Tier 1 data contacts, searches, arrests, and race and proudly announced that no complaints had been received. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to accept the 2010 Annual Racial Profiling Report as presented by Chief Campbell. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the aerial spraying for the abatement of mosquitoes

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is the annual authorization for the health district to aerial spray for mosquito abatement. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adopt the resolution authorizing the aerial spraying for the abatement of mosquitoes. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Upcoming legislative update webinar dates are March 25, April 15, and May 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Final legislative wrap-up in Austin on June 27, 2011.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings
The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2011, at 7 p.m. Possible dates for a tax office consolidation town hall meeting are March 17, March 31, and April 7. Mr. Dickson will let Tax Assessor/Collector Cheryl Johnson know the dates Council is available so she can coordinate the meeting date with county officials.

Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary